

WILLARD FACES MOST PROSPEROUS YEAR IN HISTORY OF THE VALLEY

John T. Kelly, Staff Correspondent of the Evening Herald, Declares Prospects are Best in History in All Lines.

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Willard, March 28.—The men in the land of the irrigation wells and the residents of Willard and the farms lying adjacent never have had so good a time or finer optimism as this year. They may never before in the history of the present population over 1,000 souls had so much moisture as it now has. Indeed one prominent farmer told me that he had measured at his dugs ago to dig more than four feet deep and at that depth he had not reached dry dirt. There is a testing note, as well as in all other sections of this valley, that bumper crops will be the result this year, as all other preparations are being made for the cultivation of a large acreage. It is confidently expected that the marketing season of May will be duplicated in April. Many of the farmers of the Willard country, who were compelled to leave their farms temporarily, owing to the drought of last year, are now returning and their as a rule prophesy that the period of agricultural uncertainty in the irrigation valley has passed forever.

Irrigation Projects.

They have this belief on the fact that within a year it has been thoroughly demonstrated that the country tributary to Willard has sufficient underground water supply to irrigate all the land hereabouts. Notwithstanding the large amount of moisture now in the ground, irrigation is the lifeblood of Willard at present. And well it should be, as the drought of last year taught them that at this altitude there is a liability of a recurrence of a dry period at any time during coming years. Hence their desire to be prepared for future emergencies in this respect. Go where one will in this town, in its stores, its hotels, and other public places, and one soon discovers that the general subject of conversation relates to the irrigation wells and pumping machinery. The representatives of the leading houses of the country which manufacture pumping machinery, are in and out of her all the time and never fail to have interested audiences about them while they are describing the merits of their various systems for lifting water from wells for irrigation purposes.

The farmers of this section have organized for the purpose of originating a plan whereby they can, by cooperation, receive and install pumping machinery at a minimum cost. They hold meetings once a week in Willard which are usually addressed by representatives of manufacturers of pumping apparatus. This organization is doing much good by keeping active the desire of the people to be ready to irrigate when the team comes by dredge shall come again.

Irrigation Wells.

Three-quarters of a mile north of Willard is the L. E. Herndon irrigation well which was drilled last summer. It is 210 feet deep and with very inferior power was developed to a capacity of 550 gallons a minute. Experienced well men say when this well is thoroughly developed it will have a much larger capacity. It is the purpose of Mr. Herndon to put in a large acreage of alfalfa during the summer.

Immediately south of the town is the W. A. Dunaway well, which was completed recently. It is 185 feet deep and the water stands within 20 feet of the surface. The water in the Herndon well stands at about the same depth. Mr. Dunaway is now setting the machinery for his well and he will begin irrigating this spring. He has fifty acres leveled, plowed, and all ready for seeding. His crop this year will consist of twenty acres in alfalfa, fifteen in potatoes, ten in beans and five in millet. This farm is one of the best improved, if not the best, in Torrance county. When the well is fully equipped, the improvements—residence, barns and other outbuildings—will have cost about \$10,000. Pretty good for a country that was a sheep pasture a few years ago.

Mr. Dunaway's well has not been subjected to test yet. It is expected, however, that it will have a capacity of from 1200 to 1500 gallons a minute. It is located only a short distance from the battery of sunburn wells drilled here by the A. T. & S. F. railway and everyone knows that those wells are the mainstay of the water supply of the cut-off.

Several miles northeast of Willard, S. C. Beall has drilled in a splendid well. He was unable to find oil if Mr. Beall intends to irrigate from this well this year.

Others who will have irrigation wells drilled to them this spring are Dr. J. W. Fred Briggs, Dr. V. S. Cheney, Peter McRae and Dr. C. D. Atchison. Those wells will all have twelve-inch holes and their average depth will be about 120 feet.

Stock Outlook for This Season.

Two stockmen Lucas, one of the largest and wealthiest stockmen in this county said, regarding the stock outlook for this season. "Never in all my experience in the Estancia valley have I seen as favorable a season as this for stockmen. Owing to the snows that we have had, we have been able to drive our sheep far back in the mountains and on the mesa where the grass had remained untouched. This year's grass is already showing green in many places, and I think our upland valley, outside of the cultivated farms, will be an ideal pasture field this year. Sheep are in fine condition just now. They are fat and their wool has weight. There will be a large percentage of lambs this year and the sheepmen of Torrance county, after several years of fighting against the odds created by drought, low prices of wool and sheep, will, I am sure, wear the smile of

BALLEW DISPLAY OF MILLINERY BEAUTIFUL

Brilliant Showing of Elaborate and Common Sense Headgear for the Ladies Attracts Much Attention.

Most As Is. Ballew today opened his parlors at 115 Main Street for the occasion being his spring display. The room is magnificently draped in blue and green, a striking hue in the colors that are prevailing at present. Flowers, flowers everywhere—strands of roses, carnations, violets and chrysanthemums are the predominant features.

Some exquisitely beautiful and unique hats are shown at Mrs. Ballew's. The models are those that have attracted wide attention among the maidens. Among these may be mentioned the gold brooch hat, and the lace cap and cloche. Green brooch. This there is the chrysanthemum cap, the rose cap, not to mention the pink carnation, Paul Poiret and the like. Individuality and originality these hats are work of art and the equipment on all sides will be a substantial asset this year.

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Continuing: Mr. Jackson said about the outlook for the Willard farmer this year. "Our farmers, who have had two bad seasons owing to dry weather, are rest that this is going to be the better season thus far in the history of the valley. They have sufficient moisture now in the ground, even if no more rain or snow falls this season, to make large crops. However, the prospects for copious rains this spring, owing to the unusual humidity prevailing here now, are excellent. Flowering is being done on a large scale and the acreage planted this spring will be the largest since the farmer made his appearance in this valley. While the farmer's prospects are so bright this year owing to the downfall of rain and snow, nevertheless, he is continuing his strenuous efforts to get in line for irrigation next year. Bumper crops this year will permit him to realize this ambition without placing a dollar of indebtedness against his farm. This, to my mind, will be a strong feature in favor of creating stability and independence in this valley in the immediate future."

Irrigation wells are being drilled in all the country tributary to this town and thus far not a single failure to receive sufficient water for irrigation has been chronicled. In fact, the capacity of our wells has exceeded our fondest expectations. Inside of five years there will not be an acre of ground in the Willard country that will not be subjected to irrigation. In that time we shall have hearing orchards, and the trunks, interests, rents, agriculture and stock are certain to make the Estancia valley one of the most prosperous sections of the Rocky mountains.

Some Willard Features.

Willard is located at the junction of the A. T. & S. F. cut-off and the New Mexico Central railroads. The roads meet in separate stations. The A. T. & S. F. has a large pumping plant here and a battery of twelve wells. It sends out from here daily trainloads of water which are distributed along the line as far east as the Pecos and as far west as Socorro. This road owns considerable land at Willard and only recently purchased an additional 65 acres.

The show grounds in Willard will be the scene of a large portion of youth of the city during the next two days, and on Saturday, when the elephant takes up his majestic march in the street parade and the voice of the popular singer is heard in the band, the residence section of the city will resemble the village of Hamelin after the visit of the pied piper.

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Heirs and Alleged Heirs From All Over the World, Claim Los Angeles Property of Value.

Los Angeles, March 29.—Nearly one hundred persons scattered all over the world have filed claims in the superior court here for shares in the hundred thousand dollar estate of Matilda Wadlow, who died in Los Angeles in August 1908, leaving no will and no heirs.

Claims continue to appear even at this late date and the hearing, which was to have been held today was postponed until May 5 to allow some new heirs at law to perfect proof of alleged relationship. Claimants live in Scotland, Ireland and New Zealand. One group consisted of twenty-nine cousins, most of whom live in Ireland.

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San Francisco Sees Opening Battle of Pacific Coast League and Others Will Follow Soon.

New York, March 29.—With the opening game yesterday at the Pacific Coast League at San Francisco, the baseball season among the big leagues is formally opened. Before the diamonds are abandoned at the close of the 1911 season fully 36,000 games will have been played among the big leagues. The Pacific coast is the first to play and the last to close.

In the days now intervening before the opening of the American and National leagues and the American association season, all on April 15, the small southern leagues—the Cuban and South Atlantic organizations will swing into action April 1 and April 15, respectively.

In quite success after the inauguration of the big league races, April 12, the Southern Eastern and Western leagues open with the Central League among the last of the bigger sectional leagues to get in motion, April 25. The One and Connecticut State leagues start April 20 and 21, respectively, and the New York State and New England Leagues April 23.

The Michigan State league does not begin until May 25 and is the last of the recognized leagues to open. By the time the country over, there will be at least 500 professional leagues in the field, with schedules calling for from 100 to 600 games each.

The collegiate season, less regularly arranged but, has already begun in the southern tier of the northeastern states. The schedules of eastern colleges call for about eight hundred games between now and the arrival of June. Yale has eight of last year's nine left, including an experienced and well balanced pitching staff, with plenty of new material. The Harvard leftovers are only six, and among the losses in Pitcher Hinch, whose work of last year will be tried to no avail.

Princeton admittedly is in second division. Five of last year's players have graduated and the leading pitcher, S. V. White, is suffering with so severe a wrench of his throwing arm and shoulder that he will not play in any of the early games.

An international tilt will be given collegiate baseball in May when a team of picked players from the Waseda and the Keio universities of Japan will arrive in this country and tour with the West and East, in return for the compliment to the players of the Orient last year when the University of Chicago team toured Japan.

Local Employes to be Examined in April.

PHARMACISTS RECEIVE SHORT END OF SCORE

First Ward Sluggers Wallop Beggars for Four Innings, Then Scrap Heads Up Game.

Four innings of powerful ball followed the crossing of bats by the First Ward Sluggers and the Highland Pharmacists nine at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Then it was all off. There was a dispute the umpire failed to settle it to the satisfaction of all concerned and the two squads got into the papers again.

When the game broke up the Sluggers had seven runs to their credit while the Pitt Batters had but one. The average age of the Pitts is 12 years.

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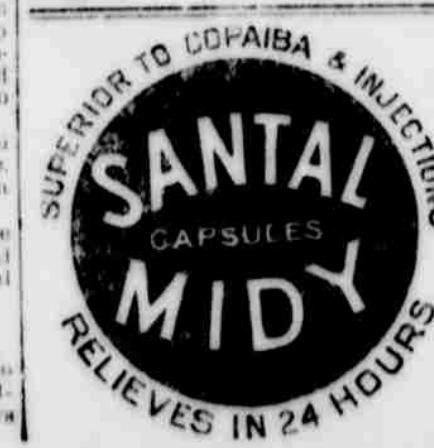
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